REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-21, and 23-36 are pending. Claims 1, 13, 23, and 31 are the independent claims. In an Official Action dated Oct. 4, 2006, claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-30 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly anticipated by Vlist. Please amend the specification and claims as set forth above. No new matter is added.

Rejection of Claims 1-30 Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1 and 23 comprise steps for validating that a document conforms to the novel schema structure provided, thereby producing a useful, concrete, and tangible result in the form of a determination that such document is valid or invalid.

Claim 13 comprises a method for generating at least one schema that defines a document structure for a glossary document, a frequently asked questions document, or a reference document, and furthermore comprises storing such a document on a computer readable medium.

Rejection of Claims 1-30 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

The Vlist reference discussed in the Official Action is not dated, nor does the Official Action allege that such reference is dated prior to Applicants date of invention. Therefore Applicant objects to the use of the reference until such time as an accurate date can be established.

Applicant also respectfully traverses the rejection over Vlist. The Official Action states in item 10, second paragraph, that Vlist teaches:

> **declaring at least one intermediate group of properties in at least one second schema, wherein each of said at least one intermediate group of properties do not depend on any properties other than those declared in itself, those declared in the first group of properties, and those declared in intermediate groups of properties between itself and said first group of properties**.

According to item 10, this limitation is taught "since complex-types.xsd is equivalent to the second claimed schema." However, Vlist states on the bottom of page 2, "[w]e now have an

included schema (complex-types.xsd), which references elements (such as author, character, or dead), **that are defined in the main schema** using datatypes defined in either simple-types.xsd or comples-types.xsd.

Therefore, contrary to the requirement reproduced above, Vlist's complex-types.xsd contains properties that depend on **"properties other than those declared in itself, those declared in the first group of properties, and those declared in intermediate groups of properties between itself and said first group of properties.**"

The various dependent claims incorporate the limitations of the independent claims and are considered allowable for the same reasons. Applicant has also reviewed the various other references of record and found them similarly deficient.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of these amendments and remarks. Should any questions arise that can be more easily resolved by telephone, Applicant's representative, Nathaniel Ari Long, can be reached at 206-332-1385.

Date: January 3, 2007

/Nathaniel Ari Long/
Nathaniel Ari Long
Registration No. 53,233

Woodcock Washburn LLP
Cira Centre
2929 Arch Street, 12th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2891
Telephone: (215) 568-3100
Facsimile: (215) 568-3439